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Helms Is Named CIA Chief As Admiral Raborn Resigns

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resigning as Central Intelligence. Agency director after less than 14 months on the job.

President Johnson announced Raborn's resignation yesterday along with the promotion of a career professional in the intelligence field-Richard M. Helms—to succeed him.

Helms, 53, who got into the spy business while in the Navy during World War II, has been with ČIA since it was created 19 years ago and has been deputy director under Raborn.

The President gave no reason. for the resignation of Raborn, a fol-year-old retired vice admiral, except that he wants to return to his home in California. But have been recurring rumors of unhappiness at high levels within the administration about Raborn's direction of the CIA.

Announces Choices

At a press conference in his office, Johnson also announced he intends to nominate:

Dr. Samuel M. Nabrit, president of Texas Southern University, as a member of the Atomica Energy Commission to succeed Mrs. Mary I. Bunting, who resigned some time ago. Nabrit

By GARNETT D. HORNER is a brother of Dr. James M. Nabrit Jr., now U.S. deputy William F. Rabern Jr. is representative to the United Nations, who plans to return to post as president of Howard University here in the fall.

Dr. Gerald F. Tape, for resppointment as a member of Atomic Energy Commission. has been a member of the ABC since 1963.

Rosel H. Hyde, a Republican inst named to the Federal Communications Commission by President Truman in 1952, for reappointment to the FCC. The President also said he plans to designate Hyde as FCC chair-

Nicholas Johnson, now servng as federal maritime admin-" strator, to fill a vacancy on the FCC created by the May 1 cesignation of E. William Henformer FCC chairman.

Deputy Promoted

Knowlton, now. Winthrop lenuty assistant secretary of he treasury for international affairs, for promotion to assistan secretary. He would replace Merlyn N. Trued, who resigned edently.

The President also named. Henry D. Owen, a member of he State Department's Policy Planning Council for 11 years, succeeds Walt W. Rostow. recently named a special assistant to the President.

Raborn's resignation as CIA director came in the midst of an attempt by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to put three of its members on a special congressional watchdog committee for the CIA headed. by Sen. Richard B. Russell, Deg

There were no official indications whether the approaching battle in the Senate over the proposal to enlarge the watch-dog group had anything to do with Raborn's resignation.

Controversies Arose

There has been criticism of Raborn in some quarters on the grounds that as a military man he was not familiar with CIA cloak-and-dagger operations and that there had been morale problems in his administration, of the agency.

In recent months, the CIA has become involved in an increasing number of controversies. Two court suits, the Senate dispute and a rash of newspaper and magazine articles have all raised questions about the agency's operations.

Ramparts magazine, in its s chairman of the council. He April issue, charged that Michigan State University had provided a "cover" for CIA operatives in Viet Nam.

University officials acknowledged that CIA men were edged that CIA men were employed in the project, but said "we did not knowingly hire any CIA men—and when we found out about their role, we dropped them."

At the same time the Michigan State controversy erupted, The Star disclosed that an Estonian immigrant had filed a \$110,000 slander suit in U.S. District Court in Baltimore against a fellow immigrant whom the CIA identified as one of its agents.

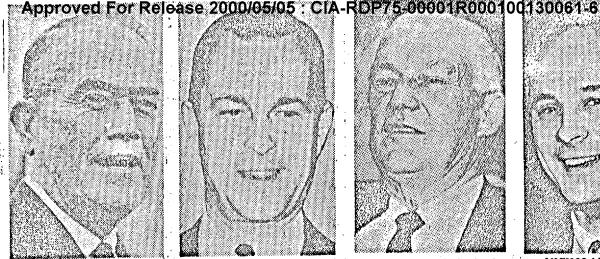
Eerik Heine, who filed the suit, alleged that Jrui Raus, the CIA employe, was instructed by the intelligence agency to warn Estonian immigrants in this country that Heine was a "disintelligence Soviet patched operative, a KGB agent."

Both the CIA and Raus have contended that Raus was acting as a government official and

ruled on whether that defense can be accepted.

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ADM. WILLIAM F. RABORN Quits as CIA Chief

Members of the Sentate Foreign Relations Committee, led by Chairman J. W. Ful-bright, D-Ark., have voiced concern about allegations that the CIA is playing an increasing role in influencing foreign policy.

Another controversy developed after Foreign Affairs, a prestigious quarterly, published an article on "The Faceless Viet Cong," written by George A. Carver Jr. It was subsequently learned that the author was a fuil-time CIA employe, but the magazine, in a short biography, did not identify him as such.

Last month, the widow, of a retired Marine colonel filed an \$800,000 damage suit in U.S. District Court in Norfolk, alleging that her husband committed sucide because of drugs administered to him while he was being interviewed for a CIA position.

"There is no basis for the charges," the CIA said. "No drugs or medicines were ever administered to him at any time during his contacts with agency officials."

Raborn was named in April last year by the President to succeed John A. McCone, a Republican West Coast industrialist, as CIA director.

Johnson pointed out yesterday that Raborn was retired when he asked him to come to Washington to serve "for a period that would be agreeable to



RICHARD HELMS New Intelligence Boss



New term on AEC

him." He said he told Raborn at | Helms was named deputy sial open housing provision of the time that he hoped Helms director at the same time could succeed him at the end of Raborn was picked to head the President remarked. "We are

ton," the President added, "he ard M. Bissell Jr. agreed to come and serve for Johnson opened



ROSEL H. HYDE FCC Chairman



WINTHROP KNOWLTON Promoted at Treasury



NICHOLAS JOHNSON Fills FCC Vacancy

around the country under the new rent supplement housing program.

He said \$600,000 has been se aside to provide for more than 1,000 units of "modest but decent housing" in Boston Cleveland, New Orlcans, New York, Omaha, Philadelphia Providence, San Antonio, Sag inaw, Mich., Pasco, Wash., the Watts area of Los Angeles, and the Delta area of Mississippi.

Congress appropriated the first money last month under the program approved last year. Johnson again yesterday urged the Senate to approve appropriations to carry the program forward in the fiscal year beginning July 1.

In response to questions, the President indicated that he hopes for a compromise to win Senate passage of the controverthe pending civil rights bill.

"We do have difficulties," the his tour of duty.

"Although he (Raborn) had no desire to return to Washing"Although to return to Washing"Black to r are hopeful we will get a good agreed to come and serve for an indefinite period. He has conference yesterday with an recommendations as possible, done that. Now he desires to announcement of the first We don't always get all we ask return to California."